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1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS CHARLES A. JAMES VISITED DAR ES SALAAM MARCH 3-5 (REF A), ON WAY HOME FROM ECA MEETING IN NAIROBI. HIGHLIGHTS OF VISIT WERE TALKS WITH JUNIOR FOREIGN MINISTER SEPETU (REPORTED IN PART REF B), WITH EDUCATION MINISTER CHIWANGA, AND TOUR OF UNIVERSITY AND PORT.

2. CALL ON JUNIOR FOREIGN MINISTER SEPETU MARCH 5 WAS IN LIEU OF SCHEDULED CALL ON FONMIN MALECEAL, WHO CALLED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY BECAUSE OF DEATH IN FAMILY, AND WAS CONDUCTED IN CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. SPEAKING ABOUT ECA MEETING IN NAIROBI, SEPETU SAID TANZANIA WELCOMED NIGERIAN OFFER TO SELL AFRICAN COUNTRIES CRUDE OIL AT CONCESSIONARY PRICES, BUT WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS SOME OF CONDITIONS, ESPECIALLY
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PROHIBITION AGAINST EXPORT OF PRODUCTS REFINED FROM

NIGERIAN CRUDE, SINCE TANZANIA TRADITIONALLY SUPPLIES REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO MALAWI, BURUNDI, AND EVEN EASTERN ZAIRE; NEVERTHELESS, SEPETU SAID, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO OBTAIN CONCESSIONARY OIL FROM "NEXT DOOR" NIGERIA THAN FROM MORE DISTANT ARAB STATES. ASKED ABOUT US-TANZANIAN RELATIONS, SEPETU SAID THEY WERE GOOD, CITING PL-480 GRAIN SHIPMENTS. HE WENT ON TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS CAUSED BY TANZANIAN DROUGHT AND ITS FURTHER FOOD NEEDS (ASSERTING INTER ALIA THAT DESPITE UJAMAA PROGRAM, TANZANIANS WERE TILLING MORE ACREAGE THAN EVER BEFORE); I INFORMED HIM OF US DECISION ON 10,000 METRIC TONS OF PL-480 TITLE I GRAIN, IN ADDITION TO THE 30,000 TONS OF TITLE 2 ALREADY COMMITTED, AND SAID WE HOPED SOME ADDITIONAL TITLE I MIGHT ALSO BE AVAILABLE LATER.

3. I TOOK OCCASION TO RAISE CERTAIN QUESTIONS RELATED TO NOMINATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS (REPORTED REF B), AND TO TRANSMIT LETTER TO PRESIDENT NYERERE FROM BOSTON UNIVERSITY, ASKING HIM TO ADDRESS COMMENCEMENT AND RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE (REF C). SEPETU SAID NYERERE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS OPPORTUNITY OF ADDRESSING AN IMPORTANT AUDIENCE BUT OBJECTED TO HONORARY DEGREES IN PRINCIPLE.

4. DURING CALL ON EDUCATION MINISTER S. CHIWANGA, IN COMPANY OF PAO, THE MINISTER SAID THE DECISION TO ADVANCE THE TARGET DATE FOR UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDUCATION FROM 1986 TO 1977 WAS DUE TO THE INSTANCE OF PARENTS WHO HAVE BEEN MOVED INTO NEW DEVELOPMENT VILLAGES ONLY TO FIND THAT THERE ARE NO EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES THERE FOR THEIR CHILDREN. THE GOVERNMENT PLANS A NUMBER OF CRASH PROGRAMS TO ACHIEVE THIS NEW GOAL, INCLUDING USING OLDER CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITHOUT EDUCATIONAL TRAINING. CHIWANGA EXPRESSED ADMIRATION ABOUT CRASH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN CUBA, CONCERNING WHICH HE WAS NOW READING A BOOK, AND PAO PROMISED TO SEND MATERIALS ON US ROLE AS PIONEER IN UNIVERSAL FREE PRIMARY EDUCATION.

5. AT UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM, ALSO ON MARCH 4, JAMES WAS GIVEN UNUSUALLY THOROUGH TOUR. HE WAS CONDUCTED BY CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER, PROFESSOR I. KIMAMBO, ACCOMPANIED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THROUGHOUT BY THE UNIVERISTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, MISS M.R. FIVAWO. KIMAMBO OUTLINED HISTORY OF UNIVERSITY, WHICH NOW HAS SIX FACULTIES AND 2500 STUDENTS, AND DISCUSSED -- AT SECRETARY JAMES' REQUEST -- UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS TO AID NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH RESEARCH. HE ALSO REFERRED TO UNIVERSITY'S NEW POLICY (DECIDED BY TANU PARTY) OF ADMITTING ONLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELD DOWN JOBS AFTER LEAVING SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND SAID IT WAS ONLY AN EXTENSION OF PRESENT

PRACTICE WHERE MANY FRESHMAN PLACES HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO REMAIN ON PAYROLL WHILE THEY STUDY. KIMAMBO DEFENDED NEW POLICY AS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF TANZANIA'S LACK OF AMERICAN-STYLE WORK ETHIC.

6. HIGHPOINT OF UNIVERSITY TOUR WAS CALL AT UNIVERSITY BRANCH OF TANU PARTY, WHERE HE RECEIVED CORDIALLY BY PROFESSOR K. GURULI, BRANCH CHAIRMAN AND EAST GERMAN EDUCATED CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, AND BRIEFED ON THE PARTY'S ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSES. THIS STOP HAS NOT APPEARED ON PREVIOUS UNIVERSITY TOURS, AND GURULI USED OCCASION TO STRESS SUPREMACY OF TANU AS NATION'S TOP DECISION MAKING BODY.

7. MR. JAMES ALSO TOURED DAR ES SALAAM PORT MARCH 4 WITH EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER, AND DISCUSSED PORT PROBLEMS WITH MR. E. BISAMUNYU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EAST AFRICAN HARBOURS CORPORATION WHICH RUNS HARBORS OF KENYA, UGANDA AND TANZANIA. AMONG TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE THE RECENT CLEAN-UP OF THE DAR ES SALAAM PORT AREA, AND PROBLEMS POSED BY FALLING REVENUES AS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS FORCE REDUCTIONS IN IMPORTS (ACCORDING BISAMUNYU, RATE STRUCTURE REQUIRES CORPORATION TO HANDLE EXPORTS AT A LOSS WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE MADE UP BY HIGHER PROFIT MARGINS ON HANDLING IMPORTS). BISAMUNYU ALSO EXPRESSED FEAR THAT LITTLE PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE BY POLITICIANS TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE THREE MEMBER STATES OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY.

8. SOCIAL EVENTS CONSISTED REPRESENTATION DINNER HOSTED BY DCM AND A RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE.

9. ON DEPARTURE, JAMES MET WITH LOCAL PRESS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF WIRE SERVICES (SEE USIS WIRELESS FILE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AF-34 OF MARCH 5). MAIN TOPICS ABOUT WHICH JAMES WAS ASKED WERE ECA MEETING IN NAIROBI, HIS PROGRAM IN DAR ES SALAAM, INCREASED US GRAIN ASSISTANCE, DAVIS NOMINATION, AND ARREST OF ANC LEADER SITHOLE. LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO GAVE SOME REFERENCE TO JAMES VISIT, AND CONFERENCE TAPED BY RADIO TANZANIA. MEMORANDA OF PRINCIPAL CONVERSATIONS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

10. COMMENT: I BELIEVE VISIT WAS USEFUL TO JAMES IN GIVING PERHAPS AS GOOD A FLAVOR OF TANZANIAN SCENE AS LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE PERMITTED, COVERING ASPECTS OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SCENE. GIVEN ABSENCE FROM TOWN OF PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER, CALLS WERE AS PROFITABLE AS COULD BE ARRANGED, FROM POINT OF VIEW OF TANZANIANS, TOO, I THINK VISIT WAS A USEFUL INDICATION OF CONTINUED AMERICAN CONCERN FOR AND INTEREST

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